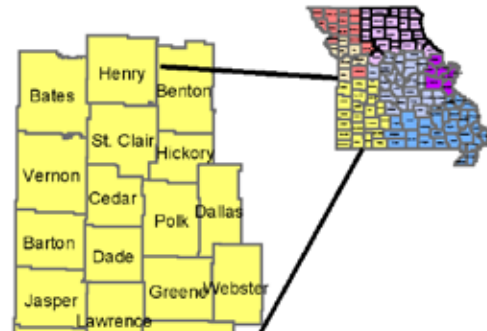


ASTHMA FACT SHEET: SOUTHWEST REGION (2003-2004)



Age-adjusted Asthma Emergency Department Visit Rates by County, Southwest Missouri 2003

County	Rate per 1,000
Barry	5.1
Barton	5.6
Bates	5.4
Benton	3.0
Cedar	6.3
Christian	2.1
Dade	4.3
Dallas	3.1
Greene	4.3
Henry	3.6
Hickory	3.2
Jasper	8.2*
Lawrence	6.2
McDonald	2.6
Newton	7.6*
Polk	4.4
St. Clair	4.1
Stone	2.8
Taney	3.4
Vernon	7.8
Webster	2.0
Regional	4.8
State	5.6

*= Statistically significantly higher than the state ED rate

PREVALENCE

- Based on 2004 estimates, nearly 70,000 adults and over 13,000 children under age 18 in the southwest region are currently living with asthma
- Current asthma prevalence among adults living in the southwest region was 10.5%, compared to 9.1% for adults in the entire state*
- Current asthma prevalence among children was 6.1%, compared to 8.0% for all children in Missouri**

ASTHMA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

There were 3,908 emergency department (ED) visits in the southwest region in 2003

- The age-adjusted asthma ED visit rate was 4.8 per 1,000 persons, which was lower than the state rate (5.6 per 1,000)**
- See table at left for ED visit rates by county
- Children accounted for 31.4% of all asthma ED visits in this region, compared to 45.0% for the state as a whole
- African Americans made up only 1.2% of the region's population, but accounted for 3.7% of all asthma ED visits
- ED visit rates were higher among females than males**

ASTHMA HOSPITALIZATIONS

There were 981 hospitalizations in the southwest region in 2003

- The age-adjusted asthma hospitalization rate was 11.6 per 10,000, compared to the state rate (13.9 per 10,000)**
- Children accounted for 26.7% of all asthma hospitalizations in this region, compared to 36.7% for the state as a whole
- African Americans made up only 1.2% of the region's population, but accounted for 2.3% of all asthma hospitalizations
- Asthma led to 3,224 days of hospital care
- Charges totaled \$7.0 million for asthma hospitalizations

*Differences were not statistically significant

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Note: Emergency department and hospitalization rates have been age adjusted based on the US 2000 standard population; county and regional data are reported by patient residence.

Data Sources

Prevalence Data: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Missouri Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2004.

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